

**Probate Committee
Judicial Conference of Indiana**

June 20, 2008

Minutes

1. Members present. The following members of the Committee were in attendance either by conference call or in person: David Bolk, Larry Bradley, Robert Freese, Phillip Houk, David Kolger, Thomas Milligan, David Northam, Kathy Smith, and Kevin Barton, Chair.
2. Staff present. Michelle C. Goodman provided the Committee with staff assistance.
3. Approval of minutes. The Committee amended and approved the minutes from the March 2008 meeting.
4. Probate Deskbook. The Committee reviewed Section 7.01 and 7.02 and after making minor amendments, approved them for publication. The Committee then discussed section 7.03 and after lengthy discussion determined not to include a sample fee petition.
5. Innovations in Probate. There was nothing new to report on this topic.
6. State Bar Section. Judge Barton provided the Committee with the minutes from the October section meeting for review and consideration.
7. Other business. The Committee was asked to respond to a question from JTAC regarding courts entering an order on closing statements in unsupervised estates. The Committee members discussed the local practices and the statutory requirements. The Committee determined that based on the statutes court orders closing these cases are not needed because these cases close by operation of law three months from the filing of the closing statement, unless other proceedings are pending.
8. Future meetings. The remaining 2008 meeting is: October 24, 2008. All meetings will be held at the Indiana Judicial Center at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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